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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 | **7:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the General Committee on February 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 7:02 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor, Sergio Morales
Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, A. Kungl.

STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Deputy City Clerk, C. Swan
Director of Corporate Facilities, R. Pews
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Human Resources, A.M. Langlois
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Internal Audit, S. MacGregor
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, R. Bell
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Facility Supervisor, K. Datema
Facility Technologist, N. Calder
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine

General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, A. Miller
Internal Auditor, H. Miller
Manager of Purchasing, S. Jones.
Senior Manager of Accounting and Revenue, C. Smith
Supervisor of Financial Reporting and Policy, M. Mifsud
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY PAUL MARLEY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND DAVID MILLS, PRESIDENT OF THE BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB - EXPANSION TO THE CURRENT STADIUM LOCATED AT THE BARRIE COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

Paul Marley, Vice-President and David Mills, President of the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club provided an Open Delegation concerning the possible expansion to the current baseball stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex.

Mr. Marley provided an overview on the history of the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club and their partnership with the City of Barrie. He noted that the Club initially had plans to relocate the team to another location within the City, however financially it made more sense to upgrade the existing stadium.

Mr. Marley advised that the stadium is over 20 years old and was built to fit the needs of the team during that time. He discussed the required changes to the Club needed over the years and that no major upgrades have been made to the stadium.

Mr. Marley advised that the Club is looking for support and financial assistance in the expansion to the broadcast booth and to create a mezzanine for spectators in the standing room area.

Mr. Marley discussed the effects due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes to the mandate from the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) including that baseball games are to be broadcast virtually. He provided his concerns associated with the size of the current broadcast booth, the additional staff needed and new technology that will be required to broadcast the games virtually. Mr. Marley described the limited space in the standing room area and the fact that effects of the pandemic could continue further

into the future and he noted that they want to create a mezzanine to have more space for baseball fans to have a great experience during the games. He commented that the expansion would also provide the City of Barrie with additional opportunities for programs and special events.

Members of the Committee asked several questions to Mr. Marley, Mr. Mills and City staff and received responses.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

BARRIE BAYCATS BASEBALL CLUB - BARRIE COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

That staff in Recreation and Culture Services be directed to assist the Barrie Baycats Baseball Club with the planning for, and investigation of, funding opportunities, such as grants and sponsorships for the expansion of the press box and mezzanine at the current stadium located at the Barrie Community Sports Complex, and report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/1/2021.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING BARRIE TRANSIT'S VISION AND TRANSIT ON DEMAND

Jason Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure provided a presentation concerning Barrie Transit's Vision and Transit on Demand:

Mr. Zimmerman discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An outline of Barrie's Transit Vision Project which includes the following:
  - The project deliverables;
  - A chart illustrating Barrie's Transit Vision Project Timelines and Milestones;
  - The Transit Planning Principles; and
  - The rationale for delegated authority is to improve responsiveness and to enhance efficiency for Barrie Transit riders;
- An overview of the Barrie Transit on Demand Service Model which includes the following:
  - The definition of Transit on Demand, benefits and limitations to the Service;
  - The statistics of Barrie's Transit on Demand Service performance to date;
  - A map illustrating the current Barrie Transit Route 11;
  - The transition plan for the replacement of Route 11 with Barrie's Transit on Demand Service; and
  - The future applications available with the Transit on Demand Service Model.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to the City staff and received responses.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

ROUTE 11 SERVICE MODEL

That the Route 11 conventional service model be discontinued and replaced with the Transit on Demand (ToD) service model and as identified in the Report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated January 12, 2021 regarding Route 11 Service Model.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/1/2021.

TRANSIT PLANNING PRINCIPLES

1. That the Transit Planning Principles framework associated with the "Barrie's Transit Vision Project" and as identified in the Report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated January 12, 2021 regarding Transit Planning Principles, be endorsed.

2. That the Director of Transit and Parking Strategy and the Executive Director of Access Barrie be delegated authority to implement minor cost neutral transit routing and/or schedule changes, when required.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/1/2021.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

MOTION 20-G-252 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 14, 2020 - THE ALLANDALE TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB

That the Memorandum from N. Calder, Facilities Project Manager and M. McConnell, Transit Operations Planner dated December 14, 2020 regarding the Allandale Transit Mobility Hub was discussed.

MOTION 20-G-250 REFERRED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 14, 2020 - THE CITY OF BARRIE BECOMING A LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

That the Memorandum from A.M. Langlois, Director of Human Resources dated December 14, 2020 regarding the City of Barrie Becoming a Living Wage Employer was discussed.

Rosslyn Junke, Poverty Reduction Task Group Chair, Jennifer van Gennip, Poverty Reduction Task Group Member and Anne Coleman, Ontario Living Wage Network (OLWN) Manager on behalf of the Simcoe County Poverty Reduction Task Group provided a presentation entitled “Living Wage: because one job should be enough”.

Ms. Junke, Ms. van Gennip and Ms. Coleman discussed slides on the following topics:

- A definition of a living wage from the OLWN;
- The Simcoe County living wage calculation;
- The rationale behind the need for a living wage in the community;
- That becoming a living wage employer aligns with Barrie’s City Council Strategic Priorities;
- The highlights of the Memorandum from A.M. Langlois, Director of Human Resources concerning the City of Barrie becoming a Living Wage Employer;
- The three levels of certification, the Supporter, Leader and Champion; and
- Other municipalities certified as living wage employers.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of the presenters, City staff and received responses.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2020

The Report of the Town and Gown Committee dated November 25, 2020 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED DECEMBER 10, 2020

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated December 10, 2020 was received.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY GRANT

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the application for funding through the Inclusive Community Grant administered by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA) in order to support advancements to the City of Barrie's Age Friendly Community planning efforts and the Seniors Without Walls Program.

2. That should the funding through the Inclusive Community Grant be successful, City staff report back to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the progress of City of Barrie's Age Friendly Community planning efforts and the Seniors Without Walls Program.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/1/2021.

4TH QUARTER INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT, 2020 FRAUD AND WRONGDOING PROGRAM ACTIVITY, SUMMARY OF 2020 INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY AND 2021 INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLAN

1. That the 2020 4th Quarter Internal Audit Status Report be received as information.

2. That the 2020 Fraud and Wrongdoing Program Activity be received as information.

3. That the Summary of 2020 Internal Audit Activity attached as Appendix “A” to the Report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated January 12, 2021 be received as information.

4. That the Internal Audit Work Plan for 2021 attached as Appendix “B” to the Report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee dated January 12, 2021 be approved.

This matter was recommended to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/1/2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

CHAIRMAN